

36 Castlefield Ave.

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My dear Helen - Thanks for letter to-day - When I read Maider what you said re Spring Show she was very pleased & went right to get three scraps to send! That one - A Christmas one & School Fair. for them to choose!

Mr. was Pat's Past Night coming home from hospital Donald said not to go down this a.m. for the operation was to be at nine & D. was not allowed to see anyone or speak for one hour before that. We have not heard yet (at 2 p.m.) but D. & E. were quite reassured that all would go well with a "spinal". Donald said he wanted her to go to the Authors to-night where she is one of the Hostesses & said "Everything depends on you too!" Just what he means we do not know but he did not seem depressed at all. He, like Hugh, is becoming more dependent upon his wife at times - at other he is most independent.

I remained in bed until noon & just came down in time to cook onions & mushrooms for our lunch, a great treat & Mr. is resting down here while Heleni thumps around overhead - Aunt Minnie came



in to bring me some blue wool for the next Afghan  
I finished the one yesterday & have a lot of lovely  
blocks for another.

What next - will you be asked to do - I think there  
cannot be a more public spirited citizen in Sudbury  
than you - only you won't be there or anywhere  
else on earth. I fear, if you keep taking on more &  
more work! Hugh is a war worker too, doing dishes  
to let you operate!

A letter from Dorothy told to-day to Maude  
they are working hard but taking their vitamins  
& feeling well. They had had a letter from H. M.  
telling of his engagement & they were expecting him  
to visit them over a week-end. They seemed very  
pleased with the news.

Do you know a lumber man at Chatham named  
Austin? It seems they are telling that Rosamond Miller  
& a son of theirs are engaged - although Rossy says  
not. Perhaps Hugh knows him!

Are you getting any help from the "never tired" book?  
I've not heard Maude's but she says it helps her.

Kathleen phoned when M. did not phone on Sunday after  
the Smartette. for Minnie said there must be something very  
wrong when they did not hear from Maude. Minnie was better  
but still had the nurse half a day. Kathleen was tired  
out with fussing & the worry & exhaustion is always. They  
never know what he will do & he makes them all nervous.  
Now I must write the Montreal children to thank  
for the valentine. Much Love Dear Mother.